



North American Marine Protected Area Network

*Process Steps for Designing
MPA Networks*

Training for National System of MPAs Network
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NAMPAN

- NAMPAN, a work in progress
- Supported in part by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation in North America (CEC) since 1999

Goal

- To enhance and strengthen the conservation of biodiversity in critical marine habitats throughout North America by creating a functional system of ecologically based MPA networks that cross political borders and depend on broad cooperation



NAMPAN - AGENCIES INVOLVED

Canada

- Parks Canada/Parcs Canada (lead)
- Fisheries and Oceans/Peches et Oceans Canada
- Environment/Environnement Canada
- Provincial, Territorial, and First Nation partners

Mexico

- Comision Nacional de Areas Naturales Protegidas (lead)

USA

- Department of Commerce, NOAA (lead)
- Department of the Interior
- State, Territorial, and Tribal Partners



NAMPAN VISION

Two levels of organization ...

Nested, tri-national hierarchy of:

- Places: Various scales of organization
 - Continental (ecoregions)
 - Regional (priority conservation areas, representative areas)
 - Species (critical habitats)
 - Sites (most vital places)
- Institutions and People:
 - Governments
 - Stakeholders
 - Institutions (linkages)



Linkages - Core Components

INFORMATION

Established

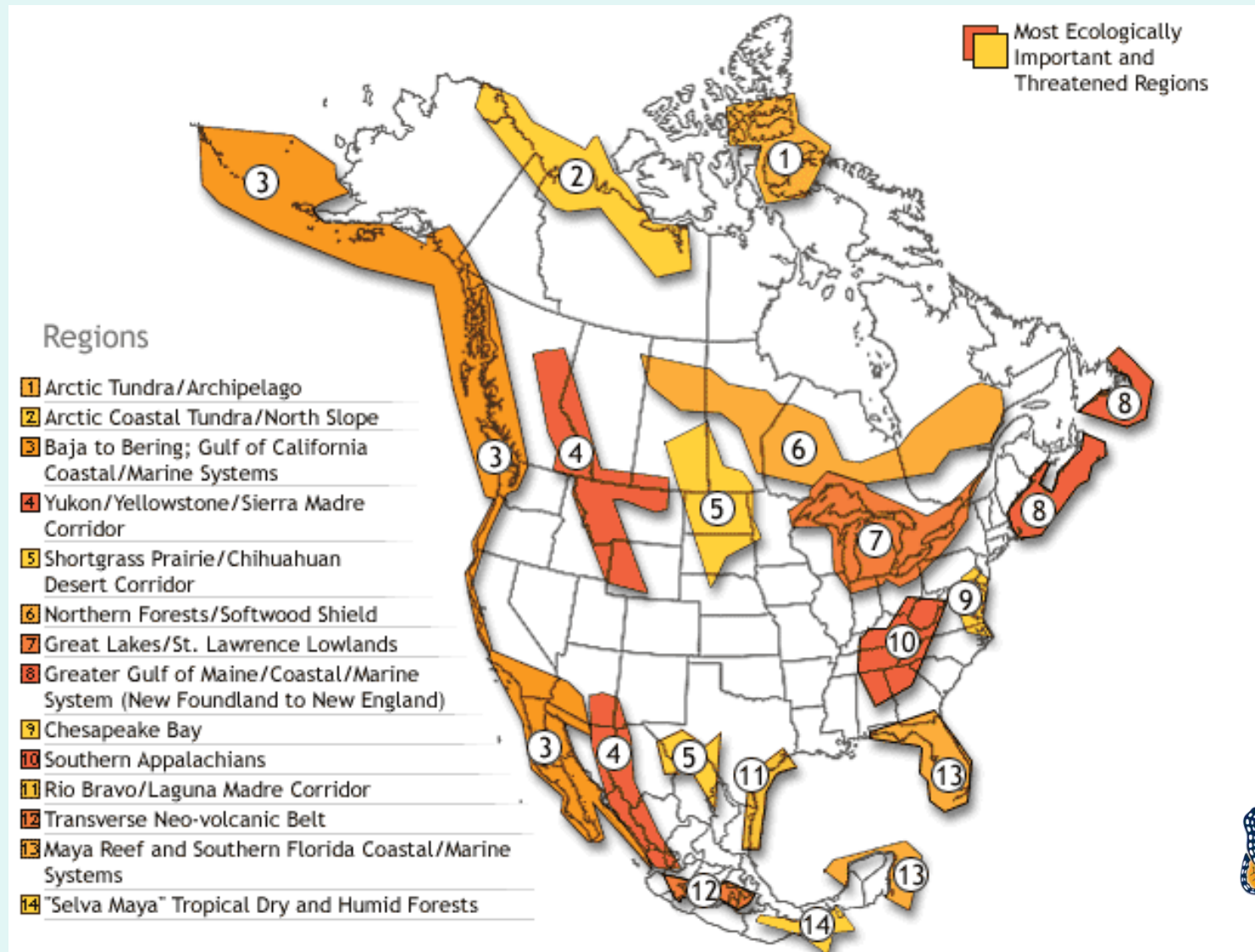
- North American Areas of Ecological Importance and Threat: (terrestrial & marine developed by CEC)
- North American Marine Ecoregions: (completed)
- Inventory of North American MPAs: (completed)
- Map of North American MPAs: (completed)

Work in Progress

- North American Marine Priority Conservation Areas
- NAMPAN Contacts List



CEC Areas of Importance/Threat



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ACTIVITIES

Existing

- Web page (in development)
- Scorecard/Condition Report (limited B2B)
- NAMPAN Action Plan (needs revision)

In Discussion

- “Institutionalization”
- Education Initiative (with Coastal America CELCs)

Other Possibilities

- Training/Capacity Building (supported in past)
- Social Science

QUESTIONS?

